Vestry Agenda of Trinity Church

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| Date of Meeting: | | **June 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** | |
| Location: | | **Trinity Church, Newtown, CT** | |
| **Attending:** Laurie, Patrick, Jenn, Dennis, Carrie, Mo, Gordon, Leon, Hope, Jack | | | |
| Meeting items for discussion | | | |
| **7:00 –  7:20** | **As a Community of Theological Imagination** | |  |
|  | Dwelling in the Word—Galatians 3:23—29 | | Carrie |
|  | Notes | |  |
| 7:20 – 7:30 | **Doing the fiduciary work of the Church** | |  |
| 1. | **Explanation of Consent Agenda** | | Laurie |
|  | Notes: A group of routine, procedural, non-controversial agenda items presented for an up or down vote. Documents should be received in advance. It is the Vestry’s responsibility to read, review and ask questions prior to the meeting. It is also the Vestry’s right to agree that something doesn’t belong on the consent agenda. | |  |
| 2. | Consent to the minutes of the May 2019 vestry meeting | | Beth |
|  | Notes: Accepted by consent. | |  |
| 3. | Consent of May Treasurer’s Report | | Pat |
|  | Notes: Accepted by consent. | |  |
| 4. | Appoint ECCT Delegates and Alternate(s) – October 26-27 Hartford Convention Center (Barbara Chamberlain and Geoff Dent would like to serve again)  \*All parishes asked to worship at 11am on this Sunday at Convention Center – rent a bus?? | | Jenny |
|  | Notes: We appointed our delegates (Barbara and Geoff) and Bob Gardiner as alternate at the annual meeting. No further Vestry action is required.  The worship service on Sunday, Oct. 27 will be held at the Convention Center and we would like to consider renting a bus for the parish who want to attend and have Cate offer morning prayer at Trinity for those who cannot attend. | |  |
| 7: 30 –  8:30 | **Forming Disciples and Apostles for God’s Mission** | |  |
| 5. | What Are You Hearing and How Are People Doing? | | All |
|  | Notes: People like the work that Adam Bowditch did as part of his Eagle Scout project. The parish rallied around the project. No comments after the PIC presentation. | |  |
| 6 | Stephen Ministry Presentation | | Ron |
|  | Notes: There are 13,000 parishes involved in Stephen Ministry. It takes not only the involvement of the ministers, but also the leadership of the parish to make Stephen Ministry a success. It also relies on lookouts and referrals. Ron asked on behalf of the Stephen Ministry for the Vestry, as leaders to serve as lookouts, funneling the recommendations to Jenny (as pastor) and Paget Haylon (as Referral Coordinator) to confidentially match the individual to a same-sex Stephen Minister.  We are currently considering moving the ministry outside of the parish and broadening the reach into the community. We do coordinate with the other churches nearby who also have Stephen Ministry programs. Stephen Ministers can help with a wide variety of topics, grief, job loss, military deployment, divorce, any life situation that might cause an individual to struggle.  Ron shared some myths and misconceptions about referrals. | |  |
| 7. | Celebrating Carrie’s Ministry – July 7 and July 13 | | Carrie |
|  | Notes: July 7 is Carrie’s last Sunday and we’ll give her a departing blessing and have cake and coffee in the Glover Community Room. Moe offered to make two sheet cakes. Kim has put together a photo album which we will give to her that Sunday as well. Then we will have a cookout on the 13th. Patrick has offered to do the meat. Asking the congregation to do sides, salads and desserts. Start at 4:00 , eat by 5:00, departing at 7:00. | |  |
| 8. | Discuss Curate position | | Carrie |
|  | Notes: We have an excellent candidate and are waiting for the Bishops to meet and consider the application. Hope to announce to the congregation on July 9. He would serve for a year. | |  |
| 9. | CREDO for PIC – September 10—16 | | All |
|  | Notes: The Church Pension Fund provides the opportunity for Clergy to participate in a “boot camp” that focuses on all aspects of their financial, spiritual and physical well-being and Jenny will be attending. | |  |
| 10. | Sacred Conversations this fall | | All |
|  | Notes: Have conversations about Trinity’s past, which is important to be able to move forward in a positive way. Have sacred conversations about what life was like 7 years ago (tragedy) 5 years ago (visioning) 3 years ago (Kathie leaving), what will if feel like in a year from now. We will share more about the PIC process at this time as well. In November, have 4 weeks of conversation about what we believe about Jesus, the Bible, Church and Ministry as Episcopalians and as Trinity. | |  |
| 11. | Semi-annual gathering of Apostle and Disciple ministries – July (or August) vestry meeting | | All |
|  | Notes: In conversations with the Wardens, Parish is not grounded enough in what it means to become Apostles and Disciples. We have a good process in place. In our July meeting we might even split up into our areas. This led to an idea to invite Tim Hodapp, to lead us in conversations about what it means and do it on Saturday, December 7. Open it up to the broader parish. He can also explain what it means to be in the missional age.  We are seeking to live into the definition of a Parish as defined by the ECCT and a piece of that is forming disciples and apostles. | |  |
| 12 | PIC process dates – August 17, September 8, September 12, October 20 | | All |
|  | Notes: Prayers as we move through this process.  Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m. Vestry will gather here and meet with Lee Ann Tolzman, Canon for Mission Collaboration and Congregation Life  Oct. 20 Leanne will return and meet with the Parish | |  |
| 13. | 2020 Stewardship—Postpone to the July agenda. | | Hope |
|  | Notes: | |  |
| 8: 30 –  8:45 | **Appreciations, Regrets and Learnings** | | All |
|  | Notes: | |  |
| 8:50 –  9:00 | **Fed by Word and Sacraments** | |  |
| 14. | Pray for One Another | |  |
| 15. | Compline | |  |
| Connected to the Wider Body of Christ | | | |

*IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:*

Saturday, June 29—SW Region Convocation 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM St. Luke's Darien

Erendira Jiminez new SW Region Missioner (Cate’s classmate)

Saturday, December 7—Day to Explore Becoming Apostles and Disciples

**Brainstorming List:**

**Items from July Meeting:**

* Could we sponsor trash disposal on Main Street, would be especially helpful for dog walkers.
* The Fire Department needs volunteers, are there ways we could help, aside from becoming firefighters?
* Where are we on our four goals. Put updates on our August agenda. For example, where are we going with our “small groups.” What is happening organically? Where are we “stuck.”

**Items from August Meeting:**

* Creating a place on the website for the Vestry and posting the minutes in the e-news each month

**Items from September Meeting:**

* As we look to celebrate our 150th anniversary, should we look more broadly to include the rest of the Main Street community.

**Items from October Meeting:**

* Renting an ice cream cart and serving the community to invite them in to Trinity.

**Items from November Meeting**